

In the specification:

Please amend paragraph [0045] as follows:

[0045] These stabilisation sequences may exhibit 100% sequence homology with naturally occurring sequences that are present in viruses, bacteria and eukaryotic cells, or may be derived from such naturally occurring sequences (i.e., may comprise, e.g., mutations substitutions, or deletions in these sequences). Stabilising sequences that may be used in the present invention include, by way of non-limiting example, the untranslated sequences (UTR) of the β -globin gene of *Homo sapiens* or *Xenopus laevis*. Another example of a stabilisation sequence ~~has the general formula~~ ~~(C/U)CCAN₁CCC(U/A)Py₁UC(C/U)CC~~, which is contained in the 3'UTR of the very stable mRNAs that encode α -globin, α -(I)-collagen, 15-lipoxygenase, or tyrosine hydroxylase (C.F. Holcik et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 1997, 94: 2410-2414). Obviously such stabilisation sequences may be used individually or in combination, as well as in combination with other stabilisation sequences known to a person skilled in the art.